

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 26-28, 33-45, 50, 53, 59-66, 68, 71-82, 84-93, 95, 98-109 and 111-112 remain pending in the application of which claims 1, 37, 59, 82, 86 and 109 are independent. Claims 1, 37, 59, 82, 86 and 109 have been amended. Claims 16-21, 22-25, 29-32, 46-49, 51-52, 54-58, 67, 69-70, 83, 94, 96-97 and 110 were previously canceled. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

Summary of Telephone Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephonic interview on September 24, 2009. Applicants and the Examiner discussed the Wicks reference. More specifically, Applicants suggested to the Examiner that Wicks communication routing system represented multiple devices in a local system including an intermediary base station that performed in significantly differently manner than the mobile telephone/portable electronic apparatus claimed by Applicants. Applicants' attorney noted that the base station in Wicks intercepts transmissions intended for the various types of devices in the local network from multiple types of exterior networks that have different data formats. The Wicks base station is used to generate a graphical interface allowing access to the intercepted information. In contrast, the claimed mobile telephone/portable electronic apparatus communicate directly with external networks and generate a display of partitioned information. Applicants indicated they would amend the claims to attempt to further highlight the differences between the claimed invention and the Wicks reference.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Claims 1-15, 19-21, 26-28, 33-35, 37-38, 40-45, 50, 53, 59-60, 62-66, 71-82, 84, 86, 87, 89-93, 95, 98-109 and 111 were rejected as being anticipated by Wicks et al (United States Patent No. 5,796, 394, hereafter "Wicks"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Summary of Wicks

Wicks et al discusses a communications routing system. A base station which is connected to a display is connected to multiple types of devices in a Local Area Network or other type of network. The base station is equipped with a keypad input device similar to those found on standard telephones. The base station receives transmissions intended for the various types of device in the LAN from multiple types of exterior networks having different data formats. Exemplary types of exterior networks include computer networks, telephone networks and paging networks (see Fig. 1 and discussion thereon). The base station filters and routes this information to the various devices and provides a common interface for the retrieval of the information. The purpose of the system in Wicks is to provide a common interface for information retrieval for different types of devices on the local network which are receiving information in their specific data formats. All communications to the office [i.e.: LAN devices] go through the base station (column 2, lines 40-41).

The intercepted information may be retrieved by a user of the Wicks system via the keypad-like input device embedded in the base station. The base station generates a display of icons approximately arranged on the display in an orientation similar to that of the keypad. Actions are taken in response to a user pushing one of the buttons on the keypad corresponding to an icon on the display. Alternatively, the information may be retrieved by docking a handheld communicator to a docking station attached to one of the devices which is interfaced with the base station over the LAN. The handheld communicator has a numeric keypad and a unique user ID. The device to which the handheld communicator is docked may or may not have a display. The handheld communicator may or may not have a display. Once docked at a particular device in the LAN, information intended for that device may be sent to the device via the handheld communicator.

Argument

Wicks fails to disclose all of the elements of Applicants' independent claims.
Claim 1 as amended recites:

1. A mobile telephone apparatus, said mobile telephone apparatus comprising:
 - a display surface for displaying information in a visually partitioned manner, said visually partitioned information being presented on said display in at least two regions;
 - a keypad containing keys, each of said keys corresponding to at most a single region of said display, wherein each region is associated with at least one of the keys in the keypad and represents a choice of an option that may be selected by selecting the associated key;
 - logic for triggering an event in response to a selection of the associated key, the triggering of the event resulting in the display of additional information, the additional information having been retrieved from a remotely located web server, the additional information visually partitioned and presented on the display in at least two regions, each of the regions displaying the additional information associated with at least one of the keys in the keypad; and
 - a processor for executing the logic for triggering the event, said event triggered by the selection of the associated key.

Claim 1 as amended thus notes that in response to the triggering of the event **additional information is displayed by the mobile telephone apparatus**. The amended claim 1 further notes that the additional displayed information is visually partitioned and associated with at least one of the keys in the keypad. The amended claim also recites “the additional information having been retrieved from a remotely located web server.”

Wicks fails to disclose these claim elements as it is focused on an intermediary base station in the local communication network. Wicks does not disclose the claimed mobile telephone apparatus displaying additional information, the additional information having been retrieved from a remote web server, or the association of the visually partitioned additional information (that was retrieved from the remote web server) with keys on the keypad. Accordingly, the reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 (and claims 2-15, 26-28, 33-36 which depend thereon) is requested.

The same reasoning as set forth above in regard to claim 1 is also applicable to the remaining independent claims. For example, independent claim 37 has been amended to recite “the triggering of the event resulting in the display of additional information, the additional information having been retrieved from a remotely located web server, the additional information visually partitioned and presented on the display in at least two regions, each of the regions displaying the additional information associated with at least one of the keys in the

keypad”. As noted above in the discussion of claim 1, the local communications network of Wicks fails to disclose these elements.

Likewise, independent claim 59 has been amended to recite among other things:

processing with a processor located in the portable electronic apparatus logic associated with the selection of the selected one of the keys, **the processing triggering an event that causes the display of additional information, the additional information having been retrieved from a remotely located web server, the additional information visually partitioned and presented on the display in regions, each of the regions displaying the additional information associated with at least one of the keys in the keypad,** the additional information concerning a service associated with the selected key.

As noted above during the discussion of claim 1, Wicks lacks these elements.

Similarly, claim 82 as amended recites among other things “the processing triggering an event that causes the display of additional information, the additional information having been retrieved from a remotely located web server, the additional information visually partitioned and presented on the display in regions, each of the regions displaying the additional information associated with at least one of the keys in the keypad, the additional information.” Applicants respectfully submit that the reasoning set forth for claim 1 above is also applicable to claim 82.

Independent claims 86 and 109 are medium claims substantially corresponding to independent method claims 59 and 82 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons the reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-15, 26-28, 33-35, 37-45, 50, 53, 59-60, 62-66, 68, 71-82, 84, 86-87, 89-93, 95, 98-109 and 111 is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Dependent claims 36, 61, 85, 88 and 112 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wicks in view of Scott (U.S. Patent No. 5,5543,818). The Examiner cited Scott (page 10, Office Action) as teaching a cursor used to highlight regions and make visual selections. Scott however does not remedy the shortcomings of Wicks with regard to Wicks failure to disclose or suggest all of the elements of Applicants' independent claims. Accordingly, the reconsideration and allowance of claims 36, 61, 85, 88 ad 112 is requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe all of the claims in the pending application are in condition for allowance.

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